

July 24, 1980

Dear Jim & Vickie,

Sorry it takes me so long to write, but I've been employed in letters. Jim writes very descriptively, so I can almost see him there. It must be to you around Hyde Park and to the right in the case of the city. I've always wanted to live where I could walk out my door & stand in some place. Jim is hanging out in the in the back yard now, & Diane and Tiffany are having flowers. Tiffany in the all the into some across street. I'm going to be in until Aug. 24, and are all enjoying this nice weather in water its clearing in having don't mind. Mike went back to work. D.C. Sunday and day

it's terribly hot and humid.

I have been having a

much fun going to Wagner

"Ring". I've gone to the first

three operas in German, then

in one more Friday night, then

will go to the four in English

next week. I've bought books

on Wagner, The Story of The

"Ring", and a study of the

mythology and symbolism

behind the opera. I'm really

fascinated, and in a whole

new way about which I

know very little. Wagner's

opera were a great influence

on other forms of art as well.

I've went over to Little Falls

last week and stayed almost

been sleep & really didn't

mind the whole time, as

as Diana is now old enough

to not be much trouble. We

stopped often along the way

to either eat or just stretch
our legs. It is really beautiful
over there, with mountains,
trees and agricultural land
in a sweeping view all around
you. Luane had fun riding
the horse with her cousin
Annie. I got on the horse once,
but quickly got off him before
he took the first step.

The popayale truck just
stopped by our house playing
its loud music, so Diana
and Tiffney were one eating
their popayales. That's the most
exciting thing in the world
to them - to hear that
truck go by.

Keep writing, we love to hear

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Sieglinde prepares Hunding's draught
for the night

Arthur Rackham (1867-1939)

from *The Rhinegold and The Valkyrie*

(1910) by Richard Wagner

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about what it's like
back there

Love,

Mary